

RemarksI. Claim 17

Although applicants believe that claim 17 is patentable, as discussed in the Request for Reconsideration dated June 11, 2004, applicants are canceling claim 17 to advance prosecution of the other claims.

II. Allowed Claims

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-16 and 23-26.

III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the claims in view of the cancellation of claim 17. Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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